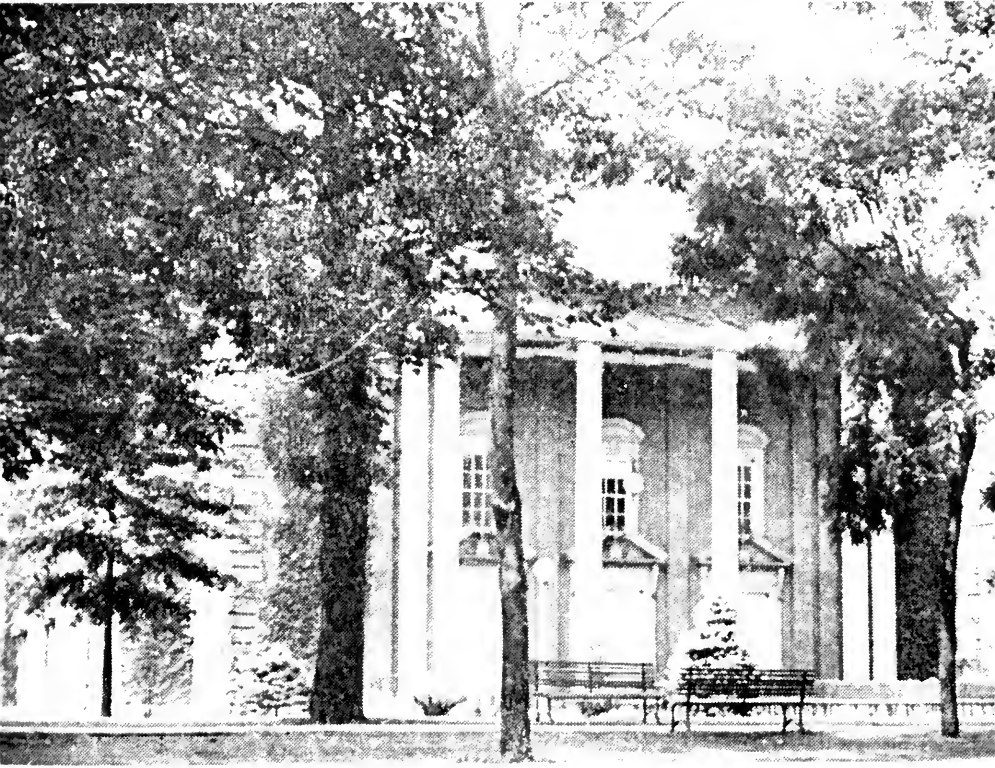






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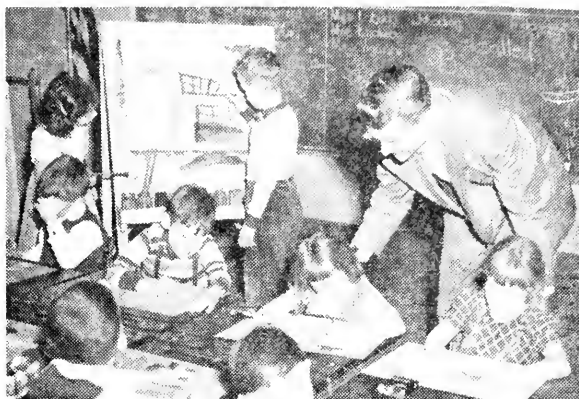
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# Alumni President Writes

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greetings

from

Ethel L. Waddell

As president of your alumni association I welcome the opportunity to greet each one of you through the Alumni News Bulletin. The News is a very welcome visitor for it keeps us in touch with campus activities as well as personal items concerning graduates. As you recall the alumni association voted to have quarterly issues for this year. Mr. Arthur Nicholson has succeeded admirably in this undertaking. I hope that we all remember to send in interesting news items.

Under the supervision of Miss Mary Esch all alumni have been informed of the increase in dues to \$2.00 annually. This was a stupendous task. We are deeply grateful to Miss Esch, Mr. Nicholson and their staffs for their excellent work.

One of our objectives is to interest outstanding students in choosing teaching as a career and Indiana for that training. This is an opportunity for alumni in their student contacts.

Our big problem now is membership in alumni units. We welcome suggestions to improve this situation.

We wish to express sincere appreciation to Dr. Willis Pratt and his staff for their wonderful cooperation with our association.

The officers join me in gratitude to all our loyal alumni and the hope that we may have the pleasure of greeting many of you on Alumni Day, May 22.



College students  
now. Alumni  
Unit members  
next year?

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article

# Your Child's Teacher

Do you know your child's teacher? If you know his or her name do you know him or her as a person?

Education is a co-operative enterprise. It is a round-the-clock process. Every experience which touches the life of the child is a factor in his development. The school plays the more formal role in the child's education but the home is as important as the school in educating the child.

Teachers and parents have mutual aims and hopes for the child and must work together for the fulfillment of these desires. We need to know our partner in these undertakings so that each of us may have a better understanding of the problems.

Teacher and parent are both concerned with his progress from dependence to independence, from interest to a feeling of responsibility, from casual concern to good work habits, from superficial to logical association, from self-centered to social responsibility; all of which are stages or developments in the child's growth.

Too often the parent and teacher meet only when there is a complaint to make. This does not create proper attitudes or foster good teamwork.

Visit your school to acquaint yourself with the child's teacher, your child's environment and your child's classmates. And not just in the beginning years but as he progresses through the grades and through his high school years. Each year is a different phase of his development.

Editor's Note: Appearing in the Vandergrift News on November 9, 1955, was the following editorial article entitled "Your Child's Teacher" written by Florence L. George, second grade teacher, Custer Building, Vandergrift. Miss George is a member of the class of 1925.

Indiana teachers  
serve the  
public well.



# Wilson Hall Library

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## Improvements

Wilson Hall Library at the College in Indiana is undergoing considerable revision in order to make the library equal to that of any college of comparable size in the country. Dr. Willis E. Pratt, stated.

During the past five years, the number of volumes in the library have been increased from 31,000 to 45,000. The eventual aim is to bring the total number of volumes to 70,000. A 300 percent increase in the amount expended for books annually is now in effect.

Extensive changes with regard to the shelving of books have been under way for some time with an entire new shelving area having been constructed in one of the basement rooms.

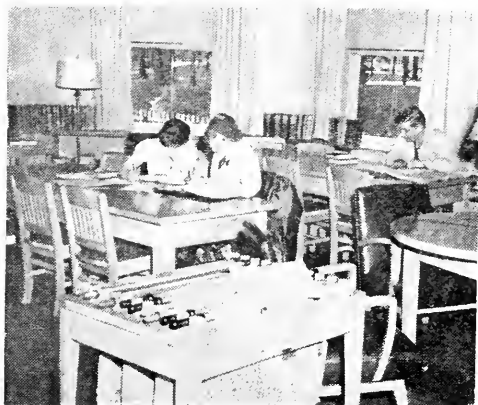
On the first floor of the library, three of the main rooms have been modernized through funds donated by members of the various reunion classes during the past three Commencement seasons.

These rooms have been designated as the reading lounge, the periodicals room and the curriculum materials room. They have been completely refurnished according to design drawn by Ralph Reynolds, member of the art department faculty at the college.

The fourth room which is to be the reference room, will be redecorated and refurnished this spring also by funds made available from the reunion classes of the 1954 Commencement season.

The Garden Club of Indiana has been working on a project to create a Shakespearean Garden in the area immediately east of the Wilson Hall Library at the college in Indiana. This garden should be particularly effective by the summer of 1954.

One of the additional functions of the college library is to make facilities available to the Indiana area children attending Keith School. A member of the college library staff supervises and advises concerning the library located on the second floor of the Keith School and the college librarians assist in the selection and procuring of books for this library.



"My library  
was dukedom large enough."

—Shakespeare

## New Developme



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This Summer

# An Outdoor Stage

Indiana is to have a new out-door theater stage located on the east campus of the college in Indiana. The out-door theater stage will be situated with the back toward College Avenue and facing toward the east side of John Sutton Hall.

The stage will be 20 feet in width and 40 feet in length. It will be equipped with footlights and flood lights. Both the stage floor and dressing rooms will be made of flag stone.

All background will be various types of shrubs. Flag stone walks will be placed as aisles in the seating areas. Seats will be folding chairs that may be placed in position when and as they are needed. Both the new out-door theater stage and surrounding area have been planned and designed by William Clark, landscape architect of Indiana.

Total cost of the project will be approximately \$3,000. Student groups and friends of the college have now contributed approximately \$1,500. The remaining amount is expected to be obtained from interested parties in the near future.

Thus far, the out-door theater stage has no name and to some degree the title "theater" is slightly misleading, Dr. Pratt stated. The stage will be available for the annual Senior Swing-Outs, summer Vesper services held by the college and community, and various other college-community groups, including the Indiana Municipal Band for summer concerts and rehearsals. It is expected that this out-door theater stage will be ready for the annual Senior Swing-Out in early May, 1954, Dr. Pratt stated.

# A Move for ROTC

The United States Army Quartermaster Reserve Officer Training Corp Unit at Indiana State Teachers College, will be given a new headquarters by September, 1954.

The ROTC building has for the past three years been located in a college house on College Avenue immediately off Grant Street in the area of the Greenhouse.

By September 1 these headquarters will be relocated in a building on Grant Street which has for the past few years been called the Biology Building.

After completion of the new Leonard Hall these biology classes will be moved to the science section of the new building and the ROTC headquarters will be placed in the vacated building which will be renamed at that time. Various names under contemplation include those of famous generals in American history.

## the College in Indiana



# The Music Department

The music department at the college in Indiana is scheduled to be moved to the Elkin Hall and Elkin Annex before September 1, 1954.

The music department has been for the past 35 years, housed in the western portion of Thomas Sutton Hall, where it was placed supposedly on a temporary basis. During the ensuing years, no other space had been found for this department, and it has continued to function in an area originally constructed to be a dormitory for girls.

Plans call for the complete removal of the music department from the Thomas Sutton Hall area and the rooms thus vacated will be made into dormitory area to house 50 girls.

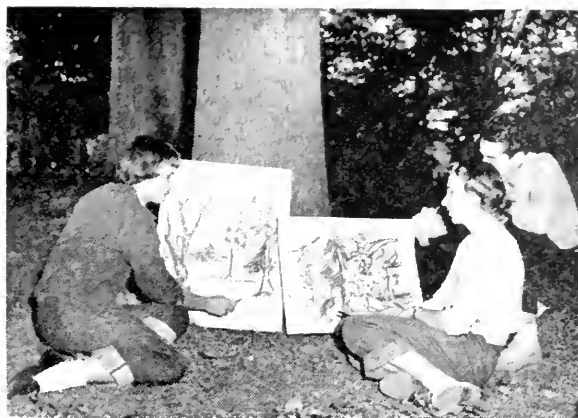
Elkin Hall will be transformed to contain three music classrooms and faculty offices on the first floor. Music studios will be placed on the second and third floors. The Elkin Annex will be used as a rehearsal hall for band, orchestra, mixed chorus and choir and other large music groups. The Elkin Annex will be sound-proofed and enlarged for these purposes.

There are now eleven rehearsal rooms for boys in the ground floor of Whitmyre Hall and ten more rehearsal rooms will eventually be made in this area. Rehearsal rooms for girls will be placed in the basement of the John Sutton Hall.

With these new moves to be in effect before September, 1954, the music department will be entirely together in an area of its own with nearby rehearsal rooms. Long range planning for the college indicates that the Thomas Sutton Hall and John Sutton Hall will eventually be used entirely for dormitory quarters for women.



# An Art Center

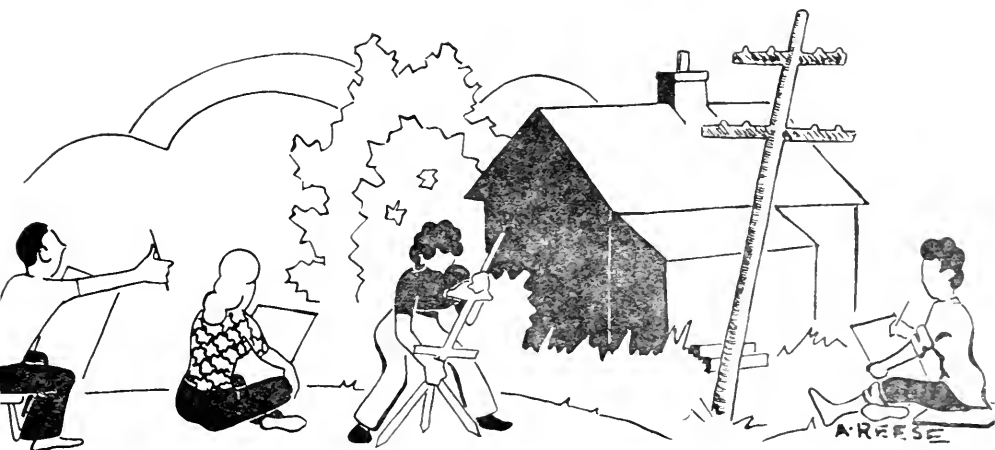


College-community art efforts are to be recognized in a unique way by the college in Indiana. Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the college at Indiana, announces. Catawba House located on the corner of College Avenue and Grant Street in the very near future will be dedicated as a college-community art center.

This house will be available to the Indiana Art Association, local and college artists, and college students for various kinds of meetings relative to the fine arts and for art exhibits and displays. Rooms on the two main floors in the house will be used for general meetings and display rooms. There will also be included some art classrooms and studio facilities.

The use of Catawba House for college-community art purposes will begin just as soon as the new Leonard Hall building on the college campus is ready for occupancy. Catawba House is now being used for chemistry and physics classes. These will be moved to the new Leonard Hall at the earliest possible moment and Catawba House will become a college-community art center.

The college has long recognized the fine work of the Indiana Art Association and local artists. It is the belief of the college administration that efforts in the various art fields help considerably in making a better community and it is the aim of the college to continue to encourage efforts in the various arts.



# Indiana's Athletics Coach

by  
Bill Summers, Sports Editor, Indiana Evening Gazette



Peck McKnight

From 1926 through 1930, Indiana State Teachers College got some pretty good mileage out of a lanky athlete named Regis "Peck" McKnight. McKnight, in fact, was the first four-sport athlete in the school's history. He earned 14 letters, four each in football, basketball and baseball and two in track.

After successful scholastic coaching chores in Curwensville, Greensburg and Hershey, McKnight returned to ISTC in 1947 as head coach in three sports. He soon received help and is now devoting his duties to the head coaching job in basketball and assisting Sam Smith in football.

The nickname "Peck" comes from an uncle, McKnight says, but adds that it happened when he was very young and circumstances surrounding the acquiring of the monicker are hazy. "Maybe I looked like my uncle," McKnight chuckled. "If so, pity my uncle."

After graduating from Indiana High in 1924, Peck worked in Detroit and taught school in Charles, Pennsylvania (between Seward and Johnstown) before matriculating at Indiana Normal School in 1926. In 1927, the school's name was changed to Indiana State Teachers College.

During the year that McKnight taught before he entered college, he played basketball for the old Co. F basketball team. After his Indiana High basketball team finished in the winter of 1924, he completed a season with the Co. F squad that played against some of the leading pro teams of the country. He also started next season with the same quintet, but it folded during the campaign, and McKnight joined the YMCA Club.

While playing for Co. F, Peck competed against such outstanding quintets as New York Celtics, Coffee Club of Pittsburgh, Loendi Club (Homestead Grays in basketball), Pittcairn Murdocks, Carlisle Indians, Olson Swedes, Chicago YMCA and House of David.

One of Peck's thrills came when he jumped center against Joe Lapchick, the center for the Celtics. Lapchick is currently coach of the New York Knicks in the National Basketball Association.

At Indiana Normal and shortly thereafter, ISTC, Peck played end, then halfback and finally quarterback in football for George Miller, veteran Big Indian sports figure and now president of the STC Conference. He was a pitcher and third baseman in baseball, center in basketball and ran the 440, half mile, relays and threw the javelin in track.

One spring, McKnight relates, I was on a schedule of practicing track and baseball and lifesaving in the afternoon. "I dropped from 180 pounds to 163," said McKnight.

During the summer vacations while a college student, McKnight worked for the R and P Coal Company and played baseball for the Lucerne team in the R and P League.

He played third base for some fine aggregations when the loop contained some performers of great talent who could make more money in the mines than in the minor leagues.

He accepted his first coaching job at Curwensville in 1930, and stayed there for nine years. He coached football and basketball and then baseball in his final two years at the school. He also managed and played third base early in his stay there with the Curwensville team in the JC League.

He moved over to Greensburg in the fall of 1939, and stayed there three years, coaching football, track and jayvee basketball. Hershey was the next stop, starting in 1942 and lasting until he came to ISTC. He was head man in football at the high school and basketball at the Junior College. When the war caused the cage game to fold, he moved over to the high school as coach of the hardwood teams.

When he came to ISTC, he coached football, basketball and baseball for two years, both varsity and junior varsity. Sam Smith came on in 1949 and helped share the duties.

Some of the boys he coached at the three schools went on to college and pro sports fame. They were Lester "Bobo" Knepp, John Husac and Harold Errigo at Curwensville. Knepp attended Western Maryland and played fullback. He is now a major in charge of the ROTC Unit on that campus. Husac was a 165-pound guard in high school. He came to ISTC for a year, but after a stretch in the Army, went to Oklahoma where he had ballooned to 240 pounds as a senior. Husac played for the Philadelphia Eagles. Errigo, a tackle, came to ISTC and is given honorable mention in the all-time football team at the local college.

At Greensburg, McKnight coached Walt Cummins, a boy named Hutchison, Frank Reno, and athletes like Hoffman, Elliott, Shope and Treziano. Cummins, a quarterback, went on to play for Pitt and is now assistant director for the Panthers. Hutchison replaced the great Joe Muha as fullback for VMI. Reno captained Bill Kern's West Virginia Team as a senior and is now freshman coach at Oklahoma A and M. He also played with Cleveland Browns for a year. Hoffman played a year at ISTC and later played fullback for Bucknell as a V-5 student. He also transferred to West Virginia. Elliott was a tackle for Navy. Shope performed for Juniata College and is now a doctor. Treziano received honorable mention on the All-American teams as an end at Stanford. Most of those boys were on the 1940 team at Greensburg which lost only to an Altoona team.

Five of the boys who he says were outstanding for him at Hershey were Bob Sponaule, John Huzvar, Dick Garrison, Joe Wallace and Ed Fornwalt. Wallace and Fornwalt later attended ISTC. Fornwalt getting honorable mention as an end on the All-Time squad. They later went back to Hershey as coaches and have just directed Hershey to two straight undefeated seasons thus far, only two ties with Chambersburg marring the record.

Sponaule was a great end at the University of Pennsylvania. Huzvar is now a 240-pound fullback for the Baltimore Colts. Huzvar led the Philadelphia Eagles in ground gaining last season. Garrison went to Trinity College in New England, and the team was undefeated three years in a row.

Peck's biggest thrill in his sports career happened when he coached Curwensville in 1936. His club opposed Kingston for the mythical state championship in three inches of ice at Wilkes-Barre. Although the team lost 6-0 in the last minute of play, Peck still says that was the standout moment.

"I was even on the radio," Peck relates, "and at that time, the stations were few and far between."

"But, here was little Curwensville," Peck recalls, "with a squad of only 18 boys traveling on a special train to play for the state championship."

McKnight and his wife, Elizabeth, have two future athletes in Barry (9) and Jerry (12). Which one of them will be tagged with the nickname, "Peck?"

# Lt. Colonel T. I. Martin

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Heads ROTC

Lieutenant Colonel Talbert I. Martin has replaced Colonel Hubert E. Thornber as professor of military science and tactics and head of the United States Quartermaster ROTC Corps at the State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Martin, whose hometown is Florence, South Carolina, graduated with a B.S. in mechanical engineering degree from Clemson College in South Carolina in 1937. He was a member of the ROTC and upon graduation in 1937, was commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve.

Entering active duty in 1941 as first lieutenant, Martin served at Camp Blanding, Florida, and Camp Lee, Virginia. From 1943 until 1946 he served with the armed forces in North Africa and Italy.

Colonel Martin graduated from the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1948 and in 1951 from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia.

He has just returned from a two-year tour of duty with the United States Navy during which he served as the only Army Officer on the staff of the Commander, Seventh Fleet, in the Far East Command for thirteen months and on the staff of the Commander, First Fleet in San Diego, California.

The colonel has received the following awards and decorations: Naval Commendation Ribbon with Combat Distinguishing Device, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-Africa-Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal.

Colonel Martin has now been assigned for a three-year tour of duty as commanding officer of the ROTC Unit at the college in Indiana.

It is interesting to note in connection with his work at Indiana that Colonel Martin's own record as an undergraduate at college indicates that he had a varied student career which would enable him to understand the people with whom he works.

While he was a student in Clemson College he was lieutenant colonel in the ROTC Cadet Corps, president of the senior class, and chairman of the student council.

In addition, he was business manager of the Taps, college yearbook, a member of the senior drill platoon, a member of the Tau Beta Pi, international scholastic engineering fraternity, and a member of Blue Key, national leadership fraternity. During his senior year he was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Following his graduation and before he entered the service, he was employed by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company in 1941.

Colonel Martin and his wife, Nina Ferguson Martin, reside at their newly purchased home at 646 Locust Street in Indiana. The Martins have two daughters Marilyn, aged 7, and Jacquelyn, aged 2½.

Lieutenant Colonel Thornber, whom Martin replaces, organized the Indiana ROTC Unit in September, 1950, and was professor of military science and tactics at the college here until September, 1953. Colonel Thornber had seen 28 years of service in the United States Army. Colonel Thornber and his wife are now residing at Harrisburg.

# Both Faculty And Alumnus

James K. Stoner, a member of the business education faculty at the State Teachers College, Indiana, is co-author of a text workbook entitled "Retailing Problems and Projects" published in January, 1954, by the Gregg Publishing Division of the McGraw-Hill Book Company.

This new text workbook is to be used with textbooks in the field of retail selling.

The Stoner book has all the material for the distributive education course where source and supplementary aids are used with a textbook.

The publishers of "Retailing Problems and Projects" state that the book is packed with practical applications. It is an indoctrination course in the actual mechanics of retailing.

In the book the student encounters application of almost every common internal and external store situation. He is required to make out stock reports, handle inventories, and to do exercises which will enable him to gain a knowledge of every phase of retailing.

Dr. Stoner is also preparing an article to be published in the Journal of Business Education. The Stoner article will be a review of a recent research problem completed by Dr. Stoner during his work for his doctor of education degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Stoner received his degree in August, 1953. His problem was entitled "An Analysis of the Accounting Systems and Practices of Small Independent Retail Businesses."

In composing his study, Dr. Stoner interviewed a number of retail businessmen in Indiana and three other different communities in western Pennsylvania regarding their accounting systems and practices.

The findings of these interviews were analysed and evaluated against criteria of desirable and essential accounting systems and practices. A practical result of Dr. Stoner's study has been the formation of a recommended adult training program for retailers.

Now in his eighth year as a member of the business education faculty at Indiana State Teachers College, Dr. Stoner also was previously for six years a member of the Indiana High School faculty where he served at different times as supervisor of student teachers, head of the commercial department, and coordinator of distributive education. Prior to teaching in Indiana he taught for six years at New Kensington High School.

He received his master of arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1936 and his bachelor of science degree in education from Indiana State Teachers College in 1931. He has also taken graduate work at Harvard University.

During World War II, Dr. Stoner was a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve for three years and served with the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D. C. and with the Air Force Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor.

## NEW FACULTY

Morrison Brown has joined the English faculty at the College in Indiana to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Galen S. Besco. Mr. Brown comes to the college from Pennsylvania State University where he had been doing graduate work on his doctorate degree.

The new Indiana English faculty member graduated from Shippensburg State Teachers College and received his master's degree in English at the University of Pennsylvania. He also did graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh before attending Pennsylvania State University.

He taught for several years in rural schools in Pennsylvania and for six years at a private school, Carson Long Institute, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. For sometime he was a member of the English faculty at Slippery Rock State Teachers College.

#### FORMER FACULTY

Lola Beelar, for many years supervisory teacher for the college, is now teaching music in the elementary schools in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. Miss Beelar retired at the close of the 1953 term from her duties as music supervisor in the elementary schools of Indiana. She is now living in her new home Route 2, Box 336, Carmel, Indiana.

Mary Muldowney, noted American musician and choir director and former music faculty member at Indiana State Teachers College, has been employed as a member of the music faculty at New York University since her retirement from Indiana in August, 1949.

Miss Muldowney's reputation as a musician and choir director continues to be felt in western Pennsylvania. As recently as mid-November, 1953, she was guest director of the Central-Western Pennsylvania Choir Festival held in Ford City.

## An Honor to the College

The Philadelphia Fellowship Commission has congratulated the State Teachers College at Indiana, for its fair practices with regard to the admission of students to the college.

David L. Ullman, vice-president of the commission and chairman of the organization's fair educational opportunities committee, stated to Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the College at Indiana, the following:

"We are gratified to see that the application blanks used by the Indiana State Teachers College do not contain questions which might be construed as discriminatory."

"Our organization has examined the application blanks used by the Indiana State Teachers College and we find that your college does not ask a student to state his race, religion, and nationality or require a photograph for admission."

"Your application forms are completely clear of possible discriminatory questions."

"The fine example of the College at Indiana helps to increase the respect which Pennsylvanians traditionally hold for higher education in the Commonwealth," Dr. Ullman stated.

The College at Indiana admits students on the basis of personal merit and achievement without regard to race, religion or national origin.

According to the study made by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission sixty per cent of the colleges in Pennsylvania still ask one or more of these discriminatory questions on their applications for admission.

The Philadelphia Fellowship Commission has wide-spread support from many educational organizations in the Commonwealth and editorial support from both the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and the Philadelphia Daily News.



# News from the Alumni Units

## INDIANA UNIT

Maali Kira, an exchange student from Cairo, Egypt, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Indiana Alumni Unit held Friday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elkin Cafeteria on the college campus in Indiana.

## JEANNETTE UNIT

The first meeting of the Jeannette Alumni Unit for the 1953-54 club year was held in October in the home of Mrs. Mamie Johnson Long. Following the business meeting, bridge was played.

Mrs. Agnes Walker Jamison was social chairman. Assisting her were Edna Brinker, Mary Birolo, Mrs. Bess Campbell Wolfe, and the hostess, Mrs. Long.

The annual Christmas party for the Jeannette Unit was held in the home of the president Mrs. Evelyn Marian Stevenson. A short business meeting preceded the evening's entertainment. Nancy Perko, a Jeannette High School pupil, and Diana Detwiler, a sixth grade pupil entertained the group with readings. Carol singing was also enjoyed by the group.

Refreshments were served by the social chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Myers Gettys. Assisting her were Mrs. Viola Thompson Wilson and Mrs. Evalyn Klingensmith Earhart.

## TRI-TOWNSHIP UNIT

The Tri-Township Alumni Unit of Indiana State Teachers College held its first meeting of the year at the Commodore Methodist Church Monday, November 9. A turkey dinner was served by the Ladies Aid to the forty-two members and guests attending.

Mrs. Anna S. Maurer of East Pike, Indiana, president of the unit, presided and emphasized the theme of Thanksgiving in her greetings to the group. This theme was also evident in table decorations and programs. Group singing was led by Mr. Robert Cronk; Miss Dorothy Berkey served as pianist.

During the short business meeting minutes were read by Mrs. Vivian C. Lovell, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Maurer thanked the following for their willing assistance: Miss Mary Bagley, dinner arrangements; Mrs. Mavis Fry, decorations; Miss Mary L. Esch, program. Mrs. Lovell as chairman of the current membership campaign noted that Mrs. Gretta Neal had secured one hundred percent enrollment of the teachers in the Starford school and then on behalf of the Unit presented a corsage to Mrs. Sara Wellen who secured the highest number of memberships. More than one hundred percent increase in membership is assured.

The twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Tri-Township Unit was marked. Miss Mary L. Esch, registrar of the College, read a letter of reminiscence from Mrs. George Lindsay, formerly of Heilwood, who was very active in the Unit in its beginning. Throughout the years, which include the difficult ones of gasoline rationing, this group has maintained its organization and its loyalty to Indiana. Its wealth is not measured in dollars but in an abundance of good fellowship.

Samuel Smith, head coach at Indiana, was introduced by Mrs. Maurer. The sports situation at the college with emphasis on football was graphically presented by Mr. Smith. The problems of adequate sports areas, finance, conflicting events, and scholastic ratings of athletes were discussed. The necessity for a balanced program of sports and studies was stressed. Alumni may be helpful in encouraging young people of high caliber to attend their Alma Mater.

Lt. Col. Talbert I. Martin, head of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, was next presented. He traced the beginning of the movement, gave a concise survey of R.O.T.C. at Indiana, and told of the advantages of this training to young men. Alumni were requested to support this phase of their college program.

Both addresses were well received by the group, who also showed pleasure in the presence of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Martin. Samuel Furgieule, president of the Indiana Alumni Unit, Mrs. Furgieule, and Mrs. Mary Jack, vice president of the Indiana Unit were guests of Miss Esch.

Others in attendance were Miss Dorothy Warner, Mrs. Lolita Stahl, Mrs. Margaret Hess, Mrs. Phoebe Edwards, Mrs. Gretta Neal, Mrs. Hazel Keith, Mrs. Marie Bacon, Mrs. Helen Corbett, Misses Margaret and Violet Overman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keating, Mrs. Robert Cronk, Miss Evelyn Nichol, Misses Mary and Sarah Bagley, Mrs. Leah Giles, Mrs. Hazel Myers, Misses Mae and Grace Brown, Mrs. Leland Thorburn, Mrs. Daniel Rairigh, Mrs. Thomas King, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Patrick, John Bacon, Donald Wellen, Henry Maurer, and William Lovell.

#### TRI-TOWNSHIP UNIT

The Christmas party of the Tri-Township Alumni Unit of Indiana State Teachers College was held Monday evening, December 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Maurer of East Pike.

Genial hosts, a beautifully decorated home, a perfectly planned program of

activities, congenial guests, delectable food, and a gift exchange combined to make an evening of unforgettable merriment. A spirit of cordiality was encouraged by a clever get acquainted stunt. Attractive program booklets revealed intriguing games and contests. These Mrs. Maurer capably directed; she presented a corsage to Miss Sarah Bagley who had the highest score. Carols were sung and then it was tea-time. The blessing was given by John Maurer and the toast by his mother were much appreciated by their guests. Cranberry tea, cake decorated in Christmas designs, and ice-cream snowballs topped with tiny candles were served by Mrs. Maurer and her aides.

Those in attendance were Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shank, Mrs. Norman Moorhead, Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford, Miss Mary L. Esch, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keating and Patty, Mrs. Cleves Reece, Mrs. Betty Johnston, Misses Mary and Sarah Bagley, Misses Mae and Grace Brown, Miss Eunice Deemer, Mrs. Mavis Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wellen, Mrs. Marie Bacon, John Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. William Lovell, Mrs. Grace Forsythe, Mrs. Katherine Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurer and son John.



Students browse in Wilson Hall Library Reading Room

# Word From Korea

Editorial Note: The following article is taken from a letter written by Lt. Howard Erickson, class of 1952, to President Willis E. Pratt. The letter is in large part reprinted here because it describes actions and attitudes of several fine Indiana graduates who are now serving our country overseas. All the boys mentioned graduated in 1952. The letter was dated December 18, 1953.

Dave Rosenberg, Rudy Crispeno and I graduated from ISTC in the spring of 1952, and entered the Army soon thereafter. About a year of training in the states passes before the three of us arrived in the "Land of the Morning Calm;" Rosenberg in June, Crispeno in September, and I early in July.

Lieutenant Rosenberg was assigned first to the Prisoner of War Command on Cheju-do, and later, after the PW's were turned over to the Indians, he was re-assigned to the United Nations Command Repatriation Group here at Munsan. He is now working with the Explainer Group of which you have been hearing a lot about recently.

Corporal Crispeno came directly to the PIO Section at the UNCREG Headquarters, and is serving in the capacity of Assistant Chief Clerk. Although much of his time is spent in our office at Munsan, he also spends a lot of time at our Press Tent at the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission Headquarters in the De-militarized Zone, phoning copy and assisting the Censor in his work.

My experience while working as the editor of the Oak was instrumental in landing me a job as PIO for the Port of Pusan. I spent several months on that assignment until I was sent to Inchon to act as an "interviewer-escort" during Operation Big Switch. While in that Port, I was in an enviable position, hearing the tales of the Communist Prison Camps first-hand. When that historic operation was concluded, the Inchon Press Center Staff was detailed as a unit to handle the PIO functions at the UNCREG Headquarters. I am "writer-editor" for our staff and also serve as a liaison officer to the Neutral Nations. Upon arrival here, the first person I met was Crispeno. Several days later Rosenberg reported for duty, and we had an enjoyable reunion.

During the past four months, the three of us have been very fortunate. We have had the privilege of watching this unprecedented problem unfold before us. We have also had the opportunity of studying the Communists and Neutral Nations on-the-spot during PW turnover ceremonies, explanations, murder investigations, the Pre-Political Confab, and lighter things such as soccer games, retreat parades and press conferences. If there ever was a doubt in any of our minds as to the intentions of the Commies, it has been completely obliterated through our personal experiences with those people. After seeing the "turncoat" correspondents, Wilfred Burchett and Alan Winnington, operate their "lie technique" and watching the same thing happen at a higher level in the Pre-Political Conference, no one could harbor any misapprehension as to their purposes.

Rudy and I will be stationed at this headquarters for another two months or so, but Dave will be leaving within the month since the explaining period is rapidly drawing to a close. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if eventually we all ended up in Pusan. Then we could really have a reunion since Matt Bruce, Charles Pauley, and Fred Way are all stationed there. I am just on a temporary duty basis from my job at the Port, so I am almost certain to return there in the not too distant future.

# News Items About Indiana Grads

## AS IT MUST TO ALL

Eva U. Vanard, class of 1885, died November 17, 1953. Eva Vanard was married to G. W. Woodburn and then after being a widow for many years became Mrs. Frank D. Bean. She was 92½ years old at the time of her death. According to her step-daughter Kathryn Strong of 716 Portola Avenue, Glendale 6, California, the elderly Indiana graduate had often spoken of her years at Indiana and certainly enjoyed her college experiences. She taught school for twenty years after her graduation from the Indiana Normal School.

Nancy Jane Hine, class of 1888, died October 11, 1953, at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, at the Presbyterian Home for the Aged where she had resided for the past several years. Miss Hine was within five weeks of her 87th birthday at the time of her death.

Grace Shultz Kuhn, class of 1899, died June 8, 1953.

Mrs. Carolyn Edwards Cartin, class of 1901, died November 22, 1953. She was the widow of Dr. Henry J. Cartin, prominent physician and a pediatrician in Johnstown for thirty years. Mrs. Cartin was a teacher in Johnstown schools for about ten years. She was 72 years old at the time of her death.

J. Calvin Shrader, class of 1899, died November 28, 1953.

Dr. Albert N. Mellott, husband of Anna Clark, class of 1905, died January 6, 1954.

Dr. Mellott retired October 1, 1952, after serving as a physician in Ambridge and as a member of the medical staff of the American Bridge Company since 1911.

He was 73 years old at the time of his death.

A graduate of Baltimore University, now the University of Maryland Medical College, in 1909, he was a member of the Ambridge school board for sixteen years and president of it for twelve years. He also served on the board of the Laughlin Memorial Library.

J. Paul Warner, class of 1910, died September 13, 1953. Mr. Warner was a consulting electrical engineer in Pittsburgh at the time of his death. He had done the electrical planning on the new Pittsburgh airport, the Buhl Planetarium and the Mellon Institute and many other buildings of the Pittsburgh area.

Dr. Paul A. Murray, aged 62, died January 7, 1954. He is the husband of Marie Scott Murray, class of 1918. Dr. Murray was a medical examiner of the Pittsburgh City Civil Service Commission.

He was also a medical director of the Drosnes Lazenby Cancer Clinic in Bloomfield. A native of Latrobe, Dr. Murray attended the University of Pittsburgh and is believed the only student in the university's history elected president of his class all four years.

He was graduated from the Pitt Medical School in 1925.

Ed Stover, class of 1935, and one of three Stover brothers to graduate from this college, died December 28, 1953. He was 41 and his death was caused by a heart attack. During his career at Indiana, Ed Stover was an outstanding football guard for Coach George Miller. A former teacher and sports official in Johnstown, Stover was faculty manager of athletics and baseball coach at Sharpsville High School near Sharon at the time of his death.

## POSITION

Anne D. McClure, class of 1928, is now acting as principal of the Central Beach elementary school in Florida. Miss

McClure has been in the Dode County, Florida school system fifteen years. She holds degrees from Indiana State Teachers College and Columbia University. She has been music consultant to several schools other than Central Beach and is highly regarded for her administrative capabilities. Miss McClure is president of the Florida State Music Teachers Association and a regional chairman of the national organization.

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Virginia Brown Long, class of 1932, is a home economics teacher in the Roaring Springs School. She also serves as a supervisory teacher for student teachers from the Indiana home economics department doing their work in the Roaring Springs school.

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Joseph N. Johnson, class of 1932, is supervisor of education at Shaler Township school district of about 2500 students. Mr. Johnson has his doctor's degree.

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Arthur J. Grundy, class of 1933, assumed his duties as principal of the elementary schools for the Benjamin Franklin School District in Indiana County in January, 1954.

He had been teaching in the Shippensburg State Teachers College at the time of his election to this newly created position.

Grundy will supervise education in 19 elementary schools serving White and Armstrong Townships and Shelocta Boro in Indiana County. The Benjamin Franklin district has begun using its new million dollar elementary building located one mile west of Indiana on Route 422.

Grundy has received his masters degree at Michigan University and is now working toward a doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh.

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Richard Whiting, class of 1935, is now working as a salesman for the George T. Buchanan Wholesale Company in Indiana. Whiting had been manager of the

Fairview Market for more than two years prior to being transferred to the sales department of the Buchanan Company proper.

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Donald McGrew, class of 1937, is a representative of the MacMillen Publishing Company in Maryland and Delaware. He resides at 247 Graland Road, Catonsville 28, Maryland.

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James C. Atty, class of 1938, is now guidance counselor for the Everett Southern Joint Schools. This position was newly created in the Everett district. Atty has received his masters degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is at present working toward a doctorate. He formerly taught in the Johnstown High School and the Joseph Johns Junior High School.

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W. Paul Campbell, class of 1938, has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association.

Campbell is now music supervisor of the Derry Township Schools. He had formerly been music director in the old Somerset County High School at Friedens.

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Dorothy McGregor, class of 1940, is teaching music in the Roosevelt Junior High School at Altoona. Prior to going to Altoona she had been a teacher in the Hollidaysburg High School.

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Harry Grandinett, class of 1941, is personnel assistant to the adjutant general department of the Army in the Pentagon Building in Arlington, Virginia. He, his wife, and young son reside at 130 Columbia Drive, Bucknell Manor, Alexandria, Virginia.

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Frank Alcome, class of 1942, teaches mathematics at Wilmore High School in Cambria County. He is nearing the completion of work for his master's degree and is working for the television programs on mathematics for station WJAC-TV in Johnstown. He resides at 214 Lake Street, South Fork, Pennsylvania.

William Luchsinger, class of 1942, is now teaching health and physical education at the Blairsville High School. He also coaches wrestling.

Since his graduation from the College in Indiana, Luchsinger taught for two years at Flinton, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. His next move was to Ferndale where he served as an elementary school teacher and as assistant football coach, and head wrestling coach in the high school.

After some service in the Navy during World War II, Bill worked with federal laboratories at Tunnelton, and then enrolled at Slippery Rock State Teachers College where he received his degree in physical education in January, 1946.

In September, 1946, he began his present work at Blairsville High School.

He is married and he and his wife Jane have two children. The family lives at 236 North Walnut Street, Blairsville.

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Dorothy A. Remale, class of 1943, teaches mathematics seven and general education eight in the Arlington, Virginia, schools. She received her master's degree in June, 1951, from the University of Pittsburgh. She now resides at 117 North Wayne Street, Arlington 1, Virginia.

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Sara Eleanor Bair, class of 1945, is teaching mathematics at Alvord High School. She resides at Ruffsedale, Pennsylvania.

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Martha Jane Kunkle, class of 1945, teaches mathematics at Taylor-Alderdice High School in Pittsburgh. She resides at Export, Pennsylvania.

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William Myers, class of 1946, is now teaching general mathematics at the Lincoln High School, Midland, Pennsylvania.

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The Jeannette School System has added three Indiana graduates to its faculty this year. They are as follows:

James R. Bennett, class of 1947, employed as elementary supervisor.

Joan N. Spory, class of 1953, teacher-supervisor of music in the elementary grades.

Margaret Ann Reed, class of 1953, teacher-supervisor of art in the elementary grades.

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John McElhoes, class of 1947, is now basketball and baseball coach at Clymer High School. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. McElhoes graduated from Indiana High School in 1938 and began his college work in Indiana in the fall of that year. Before completing his college career he earned four letters in baseball, three in football and two in basketball. He played in the back field of Coach Miller's undefeated 1940 campaign.

His college career was interrupted by World War II and he returned after his discharge from the United States Navy to finish his college work at Indiana.

After coaching for a year at a junior high school in New Kensington, McElhoes went to Clymer in the fall of 1948.

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Raymond Bernabei, class of 1948, is teaching at the Tarentum Junior High School and coaches the Harmarville soccer team which is a member of the Pennsylvania Soccer League.

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Shirley Kepple, class of 1950, is now teaching business education in the Williamsburg High School.

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Anna Ruth Nairn, class of 1950, is teaching mathematics at the Penn Township High School.

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Al Pomocky, class of 1950, is now serving as civilian educational administrator in the Eight Army Troop Information Program in Korea. Pomocky is one of the first civilians to be used in this capacity.

Pomocky holds the Silver Star for gallantry in action with the First Marine Division, First Regiment on Bunker Hill. He was in Korea from April, 1952, to January, 1953.

Ruth Louise Faith, class of 1950, is with the geophysics branch of the geological survey, interpreting magnetic anatomies and computing theoretical fields of magnetic models. Miss Faith's job includes field trips such as a month in Minnesota and a month in Colorado. She resides at 1417 Belmont Street, N.W., Apt. 45, Washington, D.C.

Rolland Alvin Evans, class of 1951, is teaching mathematics at the Coalport Junior High School.

Nancy Allen Wallace, class of 1951, is teaching in the eighth and ninth grades at Ligonier Valley High School. She resides at 2881½ East Main Street, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and is taking graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Ruby Jane Ralston, class of 1952, is working in the statistical section of the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Jean Vairo, class of 1952, business education, is teaching commercial subjects at New Kensington High School.

Thelma Kuzman, class of 1952, has a teaching fellowship in science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Elmer Emil Zborofsky, class of 1952, is now with the signal corp school of the United States Army at Fort Monmouth, as an electronics instructor. Zborofsky lives at 187 Branchport Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Richard Byrd Froggatt, class of 1952, is working with the A. E. Troutman Company in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Carl Patterson Oakes, class of 1953, is teaching mathematics at the Clymer High School.

Jo Ann Lorraine Rowe, class of 1953, is now teaching mathematics in the Punxsutawney Area Joint High School.

Denna Mae Durst, class of 1953, is teaching seventh and ninth grade arithmetic at Bristol, Pennsylvania. She resides at 18 Tall Pine Lane, Levittown, Pennsylvania.

James McKelvey, class of 1953, is a chemist with the Gulf research and Development Company, Hammarville, near Pittsburgh.

Frank Vairo, Jr., class of 1953, elementary education, is a member of the faculty of the Burrell Joint School system. He teaches fourth grade at Stewart School.

Betty Cameron, class of 1953, is now a hostess for Capital Airlines. She has been assigned by the airline to be hostess for scheduled flights out from the Detroit, Michigan, airport.

## OFFICERS SCHOOL

Two members of the class of 1953 have been selected to attend the United States Naval Officers Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island. They will graduate in the Spring of 1954. The two men are Chester F. Samson and Glenn Marlin Sanner.

## NOVELIST

Agnes Sligh Turnbull, class of 1910, will spend April 26 and 27 on the campus of the College in Indiana. During her visit here Mrs. Turnbull, noted American novelist, will meet with various classes in the English department.

## DEAN OF COACHES

Leroy Smith, class of 1935, has been called the dean of basketball coaches in Indiana County by Bill Summers, sports editor of the Indiana Evening Gazette.

Smith is now on his nineteenth year as a coach at the Homer City High School. His basketball coaching record includes approximately 274 wins and 52 losses to date.

During his career as a student at Indiana he played four years football as a regular end under Coach Miller. He also played basketball and baseball. He has been with the faculty at Homer City High School since 1935 as a chemistry and science teacher.

#### COMMISSIONED

Joseph Caletri, class of 1953, has been commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. Caletri received his commission October 14, 1953, from the United States Naval Officers Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island.

Wilbert A. King, class of 1953, received his ensign's commission in the United States Naval Reserve, October 14, 1953, at the United States Naval Officers Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island.

Karl W. Friedline, class of 1953, received his ensign's commission in the United States Naval Officers Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island.

Edward D. Mills, class of 1953, is now a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He will complete his course in foods service supervision offered by the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Virginia, April 3, 1954.

#### NEW RESIDENCES

Alice Moorhead Forster, class of 1941, now resides at 525 Mountain View Drive, North Plainfield, New Jersey, with her husband, Robert Forster, and three children.

Nancy Race, class of 1946, now resides with her husband, Jack Warner at 504 "C" Street, Brawley, California. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have two children, a six year old daughter and a two year old son.

Barbara Woods, class of 1946, now resides at St. Petersburg, Florida, with her husband, James S. Craig, and two sons.

Anna Vink class of 1949 lives at 50 West North Street, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Jack Harford and young son.

John Nace, class of 1951, is now living in San Antonio, Texas, where he is stationed with the United States Army. Mrs. Nace, the former Margery Mattern, class of 1950, is at San Antonio with him.

#### INDUCTED

William J. Koehler, class of 1953, has been inducted into the United States Army and is now at Fort Meade, Maryland. He began the current school year as a high school music instructor in the Sultillo Boro Schools, Huntington, Pennsylvania.

#### DEGREE

Bruce Dinsmore, class of 1937, is working on his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the Clarion State Teachers College faculty.

Capt. James L. Dick, class of 1942, received his doctor of philosophy degree at Ohio State University, Columbus, December 18, 1953.

Korean War veteran of 79 missions from Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, to Korea, Capt. Dick served as an Air Force navigator aboard a B-29 during the Korean War. He returned to the United States in April, 1951, and since has been attached to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

During World War II the Air Force officer served from 1943 to 1946 as navigation instructor at Selman Field, Monroe, La., and as weather forecaster in Pittsburgh, Ft. Dix, N. J., and Reading. He was discharged in September, 1946.

Capt. Dick reentered the service in 1948 as a first lieutenant and was in atomic, biological and chemical warfare sections at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. In January, 1950, he was transferred to Guam and with the outbreak of war in Korea, to Okinawa.



Despite long military service, Capt. Dick earned his bachelor of science degree from State Teachers College, Indiana, in 1942, and his master of science degree from University of Pittsburgh in 1946. He is a 1938 graduate of New Florence High School.

After receiving his latest degree, the captain was assigned to Cambridge Chemistry Research Laboratory, Cambridge Mass. He and his family are making their home in Bedford, Mass. Mrs. Dick (Marie Beard, class of 1943) is a former home economics teacher at Pine Township High School, Heilwood. The Dicks have a young son Jimmy.

#### WEDDING

Hazel Bushyager, class of 1916, was married in October, 1953, to the Rev. Dr. J. M. Gaston. They are residing on 322 Third Street, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania.

Betty Brown, class of 1940, married John Gearhardt of Altoona in June, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhardt are now living in St. Louis, Missouri.

Betty Jane Mostler, class of 1945, is now Mrs. Paul R. Hay, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Hay reside at 110 Van Wick Avenue, Pittsburgh 27.

Ruth Kline, class of 1946, is now Mrs. Robert Cronk, class of 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Cronk reside at 270 Church Avenue, Rose Terrace, Indiana, Pennsylvania. They have a young son, James Robert.

Rosemary LaRoche, class of 1946, was married October 10, 1953, to Thomas George Gorman. Mrs. Gorman formerly taught in the Ridgway schools. Mr. Gorman is associated with the Gorman Dairy Stores at Ridgway. The Gorman's reside at 239 Main Street, Ridgway.

Vivian McTavish, class of 1948, married John Branick on June 15, 1953. They were married on the Television Bride and Groom program. Mrs. Branick

is principal of the Wchnwood School and her husband is teaching in the Roosevelt Junior High School in Altoona.

Peggy McHenry, class of 1949, is now married to Eugene Lepley. Mr. and Mrs. Lepley reside with their two children at 1053 Church Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Mr. Lepley is physical education instructor in the Indiana elementary schools.

Mary Janet Leebur, class of 1949, married James Theodore Bates, January 16, 1953. Mrs. Bates taught at the elementary school at Ferndale. Mr. Bates, a graduate of the University of Michigan is sales manager for the Home improvement Company, Marcellus, Michigan.

Helen McCardle, class of 1950, married Ensign Edward Lawrence Kern. Announcement of the marriage was made early in December, 1953. The Kern's are presently making their home in Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Kern was for two years an art supervisory at North Coventry near Philadelphia and for the Past winter taught at the Myrtle Grove School, Pensacola, Florida.

Laura Jane Nairn, class of 1950, is married to Walter Winters, class of 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Winters reside at 1102 Grant Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania. They have a son Jerry Allan born February.

Louise Frum, class of 1951, married George Woodward of Greensburg, December 19, 1953.

Mary Jennette Leitch, class of 1952, married Lyon Ayerst Porter November 26, 1953, in the Beverly Heights United Presbyterian Church, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Porter make their home in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Judith C. Adams, class of 1952, married John J. Hines November 26, 1953. Mrs. Hines is a teacher of music in the West Taylor Township elementary schools, Cambria County. Mr. Hines, a

graduate of the University of Pittsburgh in 1950 is employed by the Johnstown Plant, Bethlehem Steel Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hines reside at 203 Green Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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John Bacon, class of 1952, married Nancy Crawford, December 26, 1953. Mr. Bacon served 2½ years in the Pacific War Theater during World War II. He is now employed as a science teacher at Purchase Line High School at Arcadia.

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Virginia Carol McVeigh, class of 1952, is now Mrs. Ernest Basherese. They live at 322 Orizalia Avenue, San Francisco 25, California. They have a daughter Jenette born September, 1953.

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Robert B. Mollo, class of 1952, was married to Ann Miller of Homer City on December 19, 1953. Mollo is presently in the United States Air Force stationed at Mather Air Force Base in California.

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Sue Bacon, class of 1953, married Morrison L. Orr December 25, 1953. Both Mr. and Mrs. Orr are employed as teachers in the Cambridge Springs Joint Schools.

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Rose Jane McCardle, class of 1953, married Wayne Hawxhurst, class of 1952, December 26, 1953. Mrs. Hawxhurst has been a mathematics teacher at the Senior High School in Key West, Florida for the past two years. Mr. Hawxhurst is an art and industrial arts teacher in the Junior High School at Sarasota, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Hawxhurst live at 4520 S. Tiamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida.

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Betty Reed, class of 1954, and Robert Coughenour, class of 1953, were married December 26, 1953. Mrs. Coughenour is a senior in the home economics department and completed her student teaching the first semester. Mr. Coughenour is a music supervisor at the Pine Township High School. They maintain their residence at 405 South Fifth Street, Indiana.

## SUNDIAL

The college has received a beautiful sundial as a gift from the class of 1903. The sundial was installed at the college on December 21, 1953 in order to provide for the greatest accuracy.

Correspondence relative to this gift was with Mrs. George A. Leopold of 917 Mifflin Avenue, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania who represented the class of 1903.

## HOME EC GROUP

A group of home economics Alumnae met Saturday, January 23, in Pittsburgh for a luncheon party.

Hostess was Mrs. Leonard A. Schafer (Mary Jane McMurray—1931). Her address is: Greentree Gardens, Greentree Road, Pittsburgh 20, Pennsylvania. The luncheon was held in the tea room on the second floor in the Oliver Building. The other guests were:

Mrs. Francis K. Schmaudt (Marthabel Buttermore—1929) 125 Lilac Avenue, Pittsburgh 29.

Mrs. John M. Richardson (Margaret Cole—1931) Center Church Road, Canonsburg 2.

Miss Charlotte Simpson (1931) Dietitian—General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Miss Ella Mae Wilson (1931) teacher in Sharon Junior High, 219 Baldwin Avenue, Sharon.

Miss Ethel V. Oxley, Home Economics faculty member at the College in Indiana.

The staff of Wilson Hall Library at the College in Indiana is interested in developing a college archives room. Members of the alumni are urged to deposit copies of their own publications in the library. Proper identified pictures or other memorabilia of the college will be deeply appreciated. They should be sent to Mr. William Lafranchi, head librarian, Wilson Hall Library, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

# Letter From D. I. Johnston

Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president, states that in the drive to raise funds for the out-door theater stage on east campus the following sums have been received at this time, as of February 1, 1954: \$1,000 from student contributions, \$500 from J. S. Mack Foundation, \$500 from the Syntron Foundation and various sums from other people including Mr. David I. Johnston, class of 1899.

In making his contribution to the out-door theater, Mr. Johnston who is now with the Keaton, Wells, Johnston, and Lytle law firm in Oklahoma City, wrote an interesting letter which is in large part reprinted below.

"Well, I see by your letter of December 10 and the enclosed sketch that the out-door summer theater egg may hatch after all these many years. When I was at the College attending a reunion during Dr. Uhler's tenure as President, some of us were sitting out on the East porch of Sutton Hall, visiting and reminiscing. It was in the morning of a beautiful day. The campus was at its best. As I looked down toward the railroad tracks a thought came to me and almost involuntarily I got it off my chest. I think Mary Esch may have been present. I saw a perfect setting for an out-door summer theater. While there on the trip I talked to Dr. Uhler and also with some members of the alumni. The Leonard Loan Fund was then an established fact. I thought we could turn our attention to something else. We talked about the matter in the alumni meeting. The Alumni Association was to follow up but many unexpected things happened. Other pressing matters came to the front.

If I am able to make a fair appraisal, you have had your hands more than full since you came as President. Really I am a bit surprised to see that you have dug up this idea after it has been dormant so long. The completed project may now be "just around the corner."

As Mary Esch told you, I was and still am interested. I appreciate your writing me. This is a worthy undertaking. Such a completed project will add much to the social and cultural life of the College.

Nearly sixty years ago I walked into Sutton Hall (then the main building) as a green country boy from the hills of Indiana County. Being from a country school I had to take an entrance examination before I could enroll. My course of life was charted in that school under great teachers — Leonard, Waller, Weaver, McBride, Gordon and others. I owe much to their memories and to the College — more than I shall ever hope to pay. I am glad to help a little now and then as things come along.

I cannot close without telling you that I get reports on the fine constructive work you do at Indiana. Although far away I have always tried to keep in close touch with the College, and, therefore, know something of its program. While I went on from Indiana to the University of Michigan where I got my degree, Indiana will always hold first place with me."

# Commencement Season Program

Plans for the Alumni Day observance for 1954 are fairly well underway as this issue of the Alumni News Bulletin is being prepared for the printer. The Commencement Season program for 1954 is as follows:

## FRIDAY, MAY 21

5:00 P.M.—Arrival of Reunion Classes

5:45 P.M.—Tea, Dining Room

8:30 P.M.—Meeting of Executive Council of Alumni Association in John S. Fisher Auditorium

## SATURDAY, MAY 22

REUNION OF CLASSES 1884, 1889, 1894, 1899, 1904, 1914, 1924, 1929, 1934, 1944

7:30 A.M.—Breakfast, Dining Room

10:30 A.M.—Alumni Meeting, John S. Fisher Auditorium

12:15 P.M.—Alumni Luncheon, Dining Room, (Alumni Speaker has not yet, February 4, 1954, been selected). Awarding of the Alumni Citation for outstanding service to education will be made at the Alumni Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.—Dedication of New Leonard Hall

3:00 P.M.—Class Meetings and Reunions

5:45 P.M.—Tea, Dining Room

8:00 P.M.—Reception to Alumni, Seniors, and Guests, Dr. and Mrs. Willis E. Pratt, Apartment, John Sutton Hall

8:30 P.M.—Alumni Dance and Bridge

## SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast, Dining Room

1:00 P.M.—Baccalaureate Dinner, Dining Room

4:00 P.M.—Baccalaureate Service, John S. Fisher Auditorium. Sermon by William W. Orr, D.Litt., D.D., President, Westminster College

5:30 P.M.—Tea, Dining Room

6:30 P.M.—Commencement Concert, John S. Fisher Auditorium. The College Choir, Wynn York, Conductor

## MONDAY, MAY 24

10:30 A.M.—Commencement, John S. Fisher Auditorium. Address by Millard E. Gladfelter, D.Sc., Ph.D., LL.D., Provost, Temple University

12:30 P.M.—Commencement Dinner, Dining Room

Last October on the college campus in Indiana in the vicinity of Keith School there was found a college class ring which very likely belongs to someone from the class of 1919 who was visiting the college during the October, 1953, Homecoming. The individual who lost this ring may secure it by giving proper identification of the ring at the office of John E. Davis in Keith School.

### OF THESE THINGS BE CERTAIN:

1. Join the Alumni association.
2. Visit the college.
3. Send news items to the college Alumni Office.





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